

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a cardiac biological signal that includes information describing events;

determining a merit of information describing each event based on one or more of a severity of a cardiac condition associated with the event and a quality of the information describing the event; and

handling, for medical purposes, information describing a first subset of the events that have merits meeting a merit criterion; and

discarding information describing a second subset of the events that have merits that fail to meet the merit criterion.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein handling the information describing the first subset of events comprises handling the information describing the first subset of events meeting a merit criterion that is based on merits of other events.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein determining the merit of information describing each event comprises determining the merit based on both the severity of the cardiac condition and the quality information describing the event.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein handling the information describing the first subset comprises handling the information describing events that have merits among a certain number of the most meritorious.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein ~~handling~~ the first subset of the events comprises ~~handling the subset of the~~ events that occur within a certain time span and excludes events occurring outside the certain time span.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein ~~handling~~ the first subset of the events comprises ~~handling the subset of the~~ events that occur within a predetermined time span and excludes events occurring outside the predetermined time span.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein handling the information describing the first subset of the events comprises transmitting the information describing the first subset of events to a remote medical receiver.

Claims 20.-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein receiving the cardiac biological signal comprises receiving a measurement of electrical potential.

27. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising identifying the event in the received cardiac biological signal.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein identifying the event comprises identifying one or more of an asystole event, a tachycardia event, a bradycardia event, and an atrial fibrillation/flutter event based on identifying characteristics of these events.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein identifying the event comprises identifying the event based on a frequency of heart beats.

30. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising associating information describing an event with information describing a time span in which the event occurred.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein:
the method further comprises determining a category of the event; and
associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span when the event merit places the event within the certain number of the most meritorious events of the category.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span when the event merit is among a predetermined number of the most meritorious events.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises generating a data structure having a time stamp associated with the event.

34. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising comparing a first merit of information describing a first event with a second merit of information describing a second event to identify a more meritorious event.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising creating an episode describing the more meritorious event.

36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein creating the episode comprises redacting information describing the more meritorious event.

37. (New) An article comprising one or more machine-readable media storing instructions operable to cause one or more machines to perform operations, the operations comprising:

receiving a cardiac biological signal that includes information describing events;

determining a merit of information describing each event based on one or more of a severity of a cardiac condition associated with the event and a quality of the information describing the event;

handling, for medical purposes, information describing a first subset of the events that have merits meeting a merit criterion; and

discarding information describing a second subset of the events that have merits that fail to meet the merit criterion.

38. (New) The article of claim 37, wherein handling the information describing the first subset of events comprises handling the information describing the first subset of events meeting a merit criterion that is based on merits of other events.

39. (New) The article of claim 37, wherein determining the merit of information describing each event comprises determining the merit based on both the severity of the cardiac condition and the quality information describing the event.

40. (New) The article of claim 37, wherein handling the information describing the first subset of the events comprises transmitting the information describing the first subset of events to a remote medical receiver.

41. (New) The article of claim 37, wherein the operations further comprise associating information describing an event with information describing a time span in which the event occurred.

42. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein:
the operations further comprise determining a category of the event; and
associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span when the event merit places the event within the certain number of the most meritorious events of the category.

43. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span when the event merit is among a predetermined number of the most meritorious events.

44. (New) The article of claim 41, wherein associating the information describing the event with the information describing the time span comprises generating a data structure having a time stamp associated with the event.

45. (New) The article of claim 37, wherein the operations further comprise creating an episode describing the more meritorious event.

46. (New) The article of claim 45, wherein creating the episode comprises redacting information describing the more meritorious event.